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## **NEP** Overview

- NEP encompasses the following:
  - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
  - Five-Year National Exercise Schedule
  - Corrective Action Program (CAP)
  - Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS) System
- President George W. Bush approved the NEP Implementation Plan (I-Plan) on April 11, 2007; the Homeland Security Council (HSC) and the Deputies Committee approved modifications to the NEP I-Plan and Five-Year National Exercise Schedule in December 2008
- Department and agency designees coordinate their roles and responsibilities through the NEP Executive Steering Committee, chaired by the Director of the FEMA National Exercise Division (NED)
- OSD-HD/ASA and Joint Staff J7 represented DOD on the NEP Executive Steering Committee



### NEP Purpose

#### • NEP shall serve as the mechanism for:

- Examining the preparation of the U.S. Government (USG) and its officers adopting policy changes that might improve such preparation
- NLEs and PLEs will reflect USG priorities, not single department or agency programs

#### • Focus of NEP exercises:

- Designed for participation of heads of Federal departments and agencies and other key officials
- Examine and evaluate emerging national-level policy issues



### **NEP Components**

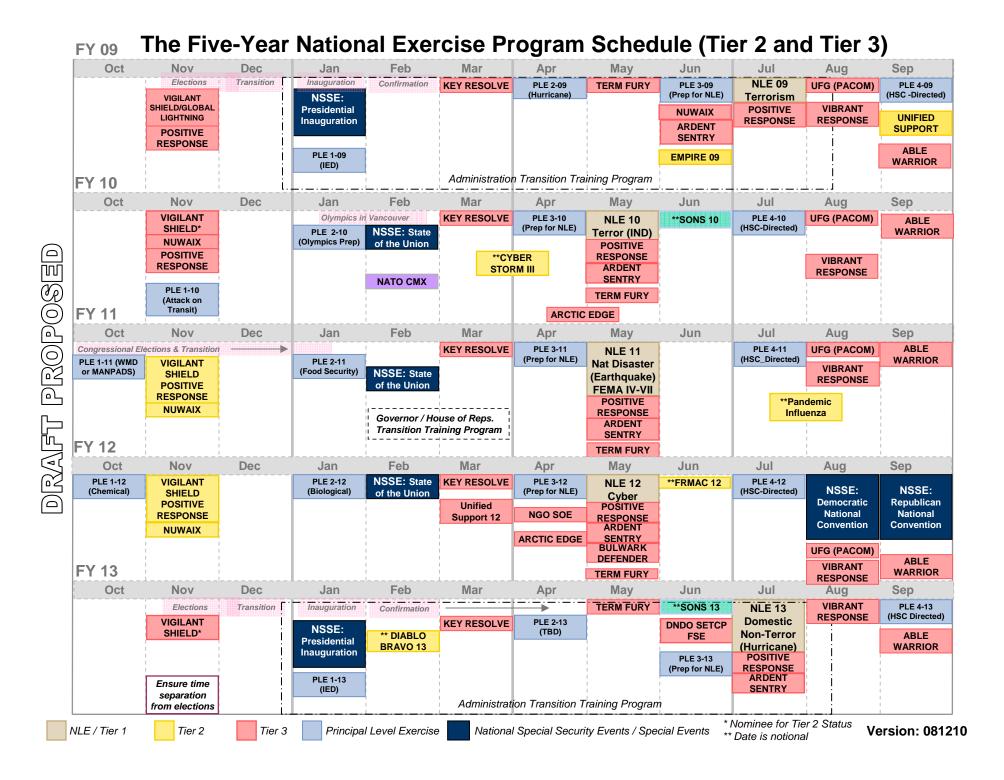
- NEP program components include:
  - Tiered National Level Exercises (NLEs) (national security and homeland security exercises) centered on White House directed, U.S. Government-wide strategy and policy
  - Principal Level Exercises (PLEs) (cabinet level exercises) focused on current U.S. Government-wide strategic issues
  - Five-year schedule of significant national level exercises with a strategic U.S. Government-wide focus
  - National Exercise Schedule (NEXS) (schedule of all Federal, State, and local exercises)



## **NEP Guidance**

- HSC Disaster Readiness Group's Exercise & Evaluation Sub-Policy Coordination Committee (E&E sub-PCC) recommends exercise priorities, goals, objectives, schedule, and corrective action issues to the Deputies Committee for approval
- DHS/FEMA-chaired NEP Executive Steering Committee supports day- to-day coordination
  - Develops proposed exercise priorities, goals, objectives, schedule, and corrective action issues for the E&E Sub-PCC
  - Charged with ensuring that all NEP exercises are successfully coordinated and conducted
  - Comprised of representatives across the USG
- Defines and drafts a NEP Five-Year Exercise Schedule





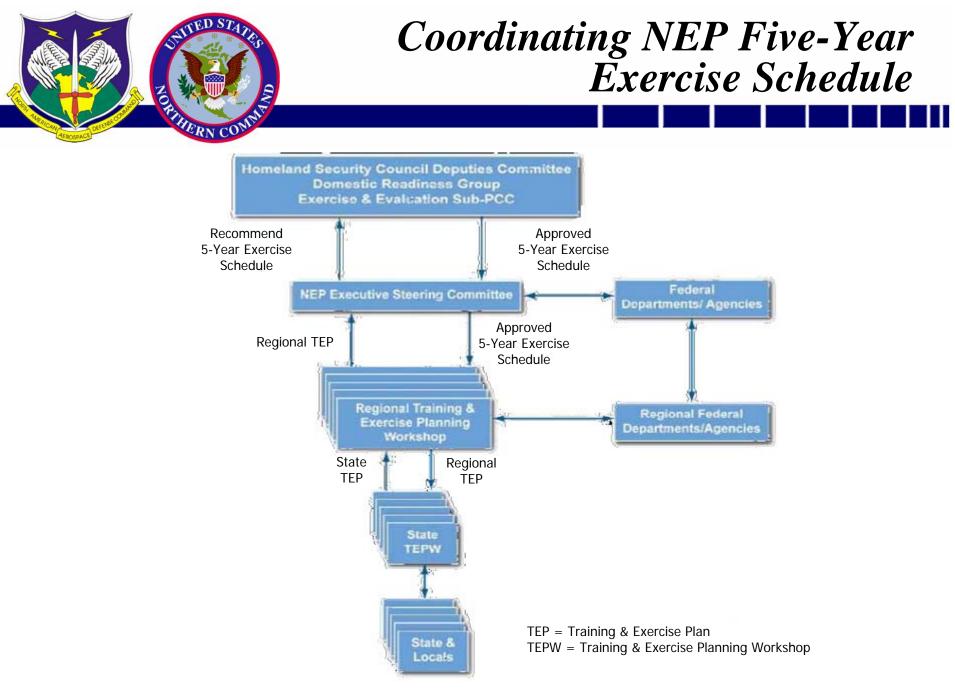


### Five-Year Exercise Schedule

### Sequence of events

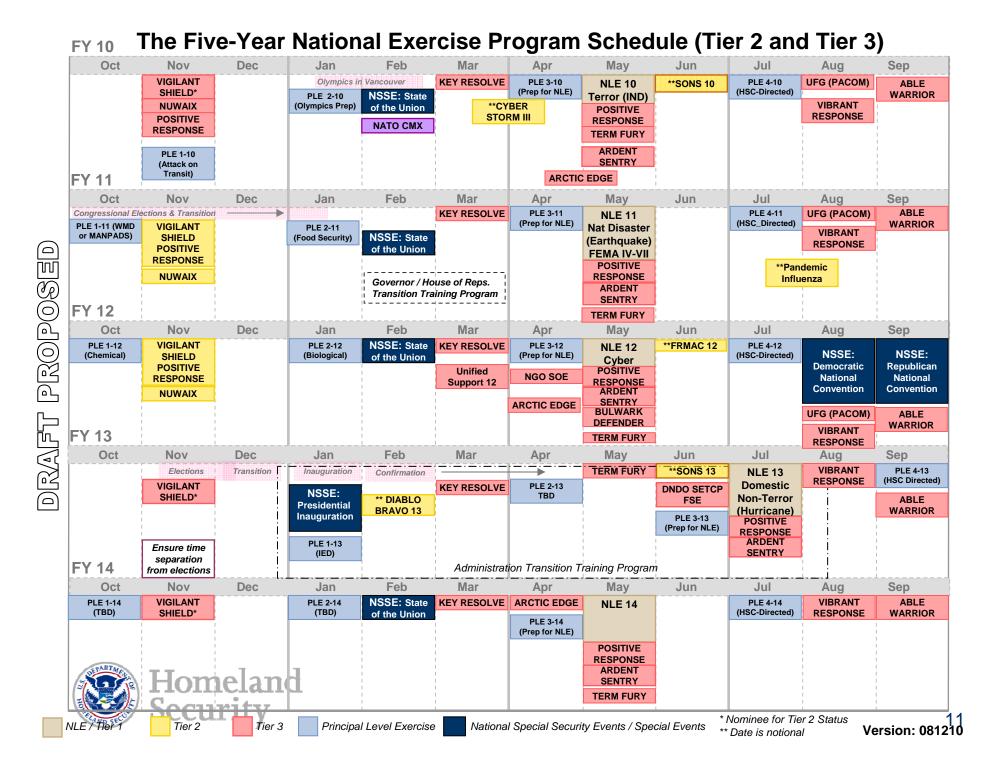
- Recommendations will be presented during TEPW
- Discussion regarding the recommendations
- If recommendation conflicts with another, discussion will continue, however <u>no</u> vote will be made at TEPW; this will allow for D/As to discuss within their organizations on the way forward regarding all recommendations
- Post meeting, FEMA / NED will distribute a ballot by 8 January;
  D/As response due back by 16 January to <u>NEP@dhs.gov</u>
- Final NEP recommendations will be distributed 23 January
- Final Recommended Five-Year Exercise Schedule will be presented to federal D/As at the NEP Conference; then submitted for Deputies Committee approval

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### **NEP Summary**

- Focus
  - Participation by heads of Federal Departments & Agencies
  - Participation by other key officials
  - Examine emerging national-level policy issues
  - Prioritize and focus Federal exercise activities
- Exercises
  - Required: x4 Tier I Principals-level Exercise (PLE)
  - Required: x1 Tier I National Level Exercise (NLE)
  - Commended: x3 Tier II NLE
- NLE Budget Requirements (Planning & Conduct)
  - Required: Budget support for NEP Tier I NLE
  - Commended: Budget support for NEP Tier II NLEs





- Since the President's approval of the NEP I-Plan, there have been updates to the document that include:
  - Updated authorities, specifically the amendment of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 from the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act
  - Updated references and terminology
  - Guidance regarding the conduct of no-notice exercises
  - Clarification of differences between NLEs (NEP Tier I) and NEP Tier II exercises
  - Refined information on the planning responsibility and guidance for NEP Tier II exercises

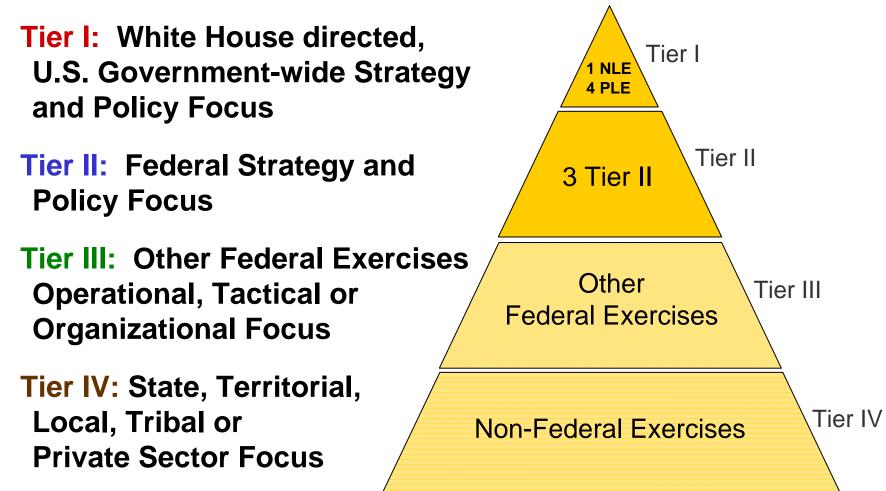


- NEP goes beyond Tier I and II exercises
- NEP affords the interagency a predictable and manageable basis for exercise planning
- NEP consolidates interagency support requirements
- The FEMA NED will:
  - Coordinate interagency support for Tier I and II exercises
- Assist in interagency support recruitment for Tier III exercises

Key NEP Points









## National Level Exercise 09

**NLE 09 (TOPOFF 5)** is a National Exercise Program (NEP) Tier 1 National Level Exercise (NLE) to address Government-wide strategy and policy related issues

**USG Principals are expected to participate** 

NLE 09 is preceded by a series of National & Regional (FEMA VI) seminars and a Principal Level Exercise (PLE 3-09)

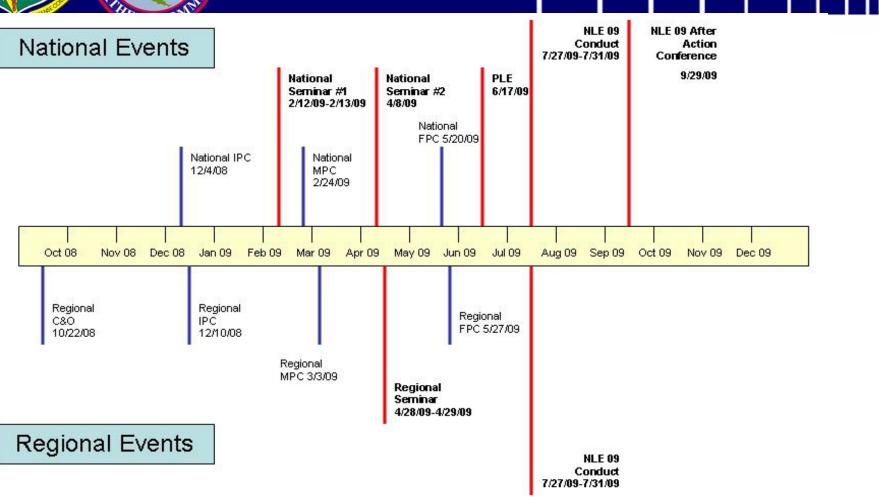
**NLE 09** is not linked to ARDENT SENTRY 09 but the Joint Staff exercise Positive Response is linked (OSD & JS participation)

NLE 09 will be conducted 27-31 Jul 09

- Monday build
- Tues-Thurs 24/7 (w/Principals)
- Friday ENDEX followed by local Hotwash



### NLE 09 Planning Cycle





### N and NC NLE 09 Objectives

#### Priority DOD focus:

- Information and/or intelligence sharing with federal agencies, international partners and other COCOMs
- Critical Infrastructure Protection of critical DOD assets
- Support maritime events
- Attribution and Response Options

#### Supported by Exercise play:

- Support of law enforcement against potential border threats
- Counterterrorism planning (Able Warrior 09-02 (tentative)
- N-NC HQ, Subordinate Command and Components react real-time to the developing situation and operational direction from blue players relating to support of law enforcement and any CT requirements
- NORAD Air & Maritime Warning
- Support to Law Enforcement
- DOD anticipation, preparedness, and Homeland Defense



### **Region VI Status**

- State Venue Control Cell locations identified
- State and Regional Scenario coordination underway
  with National Scenario Working Group
- Region VI Seminar April 28-29, 2009
  - Topics:
    - Intelligence and Law Enforcement; Air, Border, and Maritime Security

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- A realistic television network with news coverage and commentary about the exercise threat and steps to take for protection
- On VNN Live, there will be ...
  - Live studio reports

 Interviews with public information officers and subjectmatter experts

- Live press conferences and briefings
- Live on-location reports
- Live international reports
- Preproduced packages









### Viewing VNN Live

- VNN Live is sent via a digital, non-encrypted C-band and Ku-band satellite signal
- Satellite downlink information will be provided prior to the start of the exercise
- Contact internal tech support personnel to gauge your facility's capabilities
- Work with your Regional Exercise Support Team to coordinate the signal through a closed-circuit access channel
- Contact VNN at <u>VNNTechnical@InterfaceMedia.com</u> for any technical questions regarding the VNN Live satellite signal





- VNN.com is a Web-based media tool which will ensure that a larger exercise audience receives up-to-the-minute news updates
- It will create news articles that will complement and counter viewpoints reported on VNN Live





### Access to VNN.com

- Register for Lessons Learned Information Sharing (LLIS.gov) at https://www.llis.dhs.gov/signup/index.cfm
- Prior to the exercise, LLIS.gov will post information on how to access VNN.com
- Starting on July 6, 2009, a VNN.com test page will appear on LLIS.gov



- Conduct scheduled for May 17–21, 2010
- Domestic terrorism focus; 2 improvised nuclear devices
- Select States in FEMA Region VIII (Denver) and IX (Las Vegas), headquarters elements of Federal departments and agencies (NCR), and international participants
- New for NLE 2010
  - Enhanced planning conferences
  - "Building block" activities
  - Planning and training initiatives
  - New administration and the focus on nuclear terrorism
- Fully integrated with Eagle Horizon 2010 (continuity exercise) within the National Capital Region

NLE 2010



- **Conduct:** scheduled for May, 2010 (specific dates TBD)
- Scenario: Domestic non-terrorism; National Planning Scenario
  9: Major Earthquake (specific focus on a catastrophic earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone)
- Participation:
  - FEMA Regions IV, V, VI, and VII
  - Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) eight member States (AL, AR, KY, IL, IN, MS, MO, TN)
  - NCR Federal department and agency headquarters elements
- Building-block activities:
  - Enhanced planning conferences
  - "Building block" activities
  - Planning and training initiatives Long-term recovery exercises (State and national) post-FSE

NLE 2011



## **Tier II - Recommended Exercises**

FY 2009:

- EMPIRE 09 2-6 Jun 2009 (FEMA Region II Albany, NY) (DOE sponsored FRMAC exercise)
- United Support Sep 09 (FEMA Region IV- FL) (DHS sponsored)

FY 2010:

- Vigilant Shield 10 Proposed (Linked with and in support of Canada's GOLD/Determined Dragon)
- Liberty RADEX (EPA Proposed) Philadelphia RDD + 20 days
- SONS 10 (TBD: FEMA Region I Portland, ME) (DHS/EPA sponsored)
- Cyber Storm III (DHS sponsored)

FY 2011:

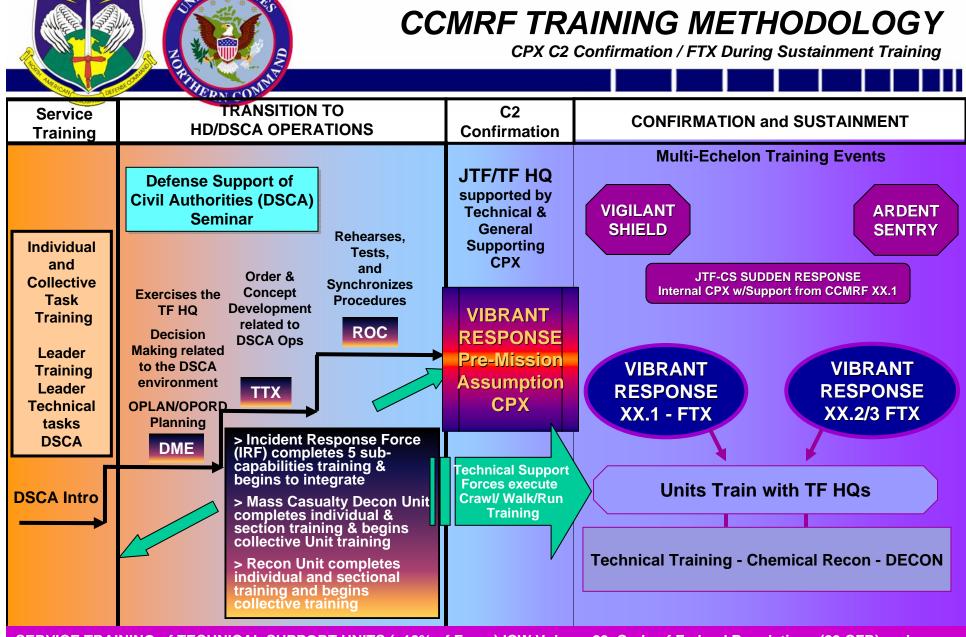
- Pandemic Influenza (TBD: HHS/DHS sponsored)
- DoD exercise (undetermined)

FY 2012:

- FRMAC 12 (DOE sponsored)
- DoD exercise (undetermined)

FY 2013:

- Diablo Bravo 13 (DOE sponsored)
- SONS 13 (DHS/EPA sponsored)



SERVICE TRAINING of TECHNICAL SUPPORT UNITS (<10% of Force) ICW Volume 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines that dictate response training standards (technical support) in the areas of: (1) Mass Casualty Decontamination (2) Domestic Response Reconnaissance (3) Technical Rescue (Search and Rescue Units)



# Questions